

## PATENT CLAIMS

1. A method of preparing a trace element solution, which includes the steps
- (a) of providing at least one EDTA-complex;
- (b) of providing a sodium selenite solution; and
- 5 (c) of combining the EDTA-complex(es) and the sodium selenite solution.
2. A method as claimed in claim 1, in which more than one EDTA-complex is used and in which these EDTA-complexes are prepared in a single continuous process.
- 10 3. A method as claimed in claim 1, in which the EDTA-complex is prepared by using disodium EDTA.
4. A method as claimed in claim 1, in which the EDTA-complex is prepared by using EDTA acid.
- 15 5. A method as claimed in claim 1, in which the EDTA-complex is prepared by using at least one selected from the group consisting of metal oxides, metal hydroxides and metal carbonates.
6. A method as claimed in claim 1, in which the EDTA-complex includes at least one of the metal compounds selected from the group consisting of copper, manganese, zinc, molybdenum and chromium.
- 20 7. A trace element solution as prepared by a method as claimed in claim 1.
8. A trace element solution, which includes
- (a) at least one EDTA complex prepared by using disodium EDTA or EDTA acid;

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- (b) selenium; and
- (c) any other suitable mineral.

9. A solution as claimed in ~~claim 8~~, which is an injectable solution.

10. A solution as claimed in ~~claim 8~~, which is a drenchable solution.

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- (a) at least one EDTA complex prepared by using disodium EDTA or EDTA acid ;
- (b) selenium; and
- (c) any other suitable mineral.

10 12. A method of providing trace elements to animals, such as livestock, which includes the steps of preparing a trace element solution as claimed in ~~claim 1~~, and of providing the solution in a suitable quantity to an animal.

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